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SUBJECT: ECOSOC ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION (JANUARY 11-14):
ELECTIONS

1. THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF ECOSOC COMPLETED OR POSTPONED ELECTIONS TO UNICEF AND TO VARIOUS ECOSOC COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS AS FOLLOWS, MOST POSTPONEMENTS BEING FOR LACK OF CANDIDATES (THE NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF UNICEF AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES), AND EXTENDED THE DEADLINE FOR JOINING THE ECOSOC NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE WITH IFAD:

A. UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD (TEN MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED). POSTPONED TO 62ND (SPRING) ECOSOC AT THE REQUEST OF WEO GROUP (WHO HAVE FIVE CANDIDATES, CANADA, FRG, BELGIUM, NORWAY AND SPAIN, FOR THREE VANCANCIES).

B. COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING (ONE MEMBER EACH FROM AFRICA AND ASIA). POSTPONED TO 62ND ECOSOC.

C. COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES (TWO MEMBERS FROM AFRICA AND TWO FROM ASIA). PHILIPPINES ELECTED. REMAINDER POSTPONED TO 62ND ECOSOC.

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D. COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (ONE MEMBER FROM AFRICA AND TWO FROM ASIA). POSTPONED TO 62ND EOCOSC.

E. COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRASIAL (ONE MEMBER FROM AFRICA AND FOUR FROM ASIA). POSTPONED TO 62ND ECOSOC.

F. COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.
SWEDEN ELECTED TO SEAT VACATED BY NETHERLANDS (THUS FORE-
STALLING SWEDEN'S SUPPORT FOR A MISGUIDED SUGGESTION BY A
NUMBER OF NGO'S TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE 13-MEMBER NEG
COMMITTEE, WHICH IS OPERATIONALLY CONVENIENT AS IS AND ON
WHICH THE WEO'S HAVE A VERY SATISFACTORY RATIO OF FOUR SEATS
PLUS JAPAN).

G. AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP CORRUPT
PRACTICES (ONE MEMBER FROM ASIA, THREE FROM WEO'S AND TWO
FROM EASTERN EUROPE). POSTPONED TO 62ND ECOSOC. (WESTERN
EUROPEANS ARE STILL UNABLE TO RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEM OF
SEVEN CANDIDATES, BELGIUM, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY,
NORWAY, UK, FOR THREE REMAINING SEATS, NETHERLANDS HAVING
INFORMALLY INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW. EASTERN
EUROPEANS CONTINUE THEIR DECISION TO LEAVE THEIR SEATS
UNFILLED.)

H. CONFIRMATION OF INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED BY THE SYG
TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE AND FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS,
WHOSE NAMES APPEAR IN THE DOCUMENTS INDICATED:

(1) COMMITTEE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND
CONTROL (E/5903).

(2) STATISTICAL COMMISSION, POPULATION
COMMISSION, COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMISSION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS, COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (E/5897
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AND ADDENDA 1, 2 AND 3).

(3) SUB-COMMISSION ON ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC
AND RELATED MATTERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST (E/5IOIL.

AT THE REQUEST OF FRANCE, ECOSOC AGREED TO ASK THE
SECRETARIAT TO REVIEW THE SYSTEM OF ECOSOC CONFIRMATION
OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND TO
REPORT TO THE 62ND SESSION. FRANCE ADVOCATED DISPENSING
WITH THIS PRO FORMA PROCESS.

I. COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGENCIES ON A AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UN AND IFAD. DEADLINE
FOR MEMBER STATES TO INDICATE TO SYG THEIR INTENTION FO
SERVING ON THE COMMITTEE EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 15, 1977,
FRANCE, ITALY AND JAPAN HAVING DONE SO PREVIOUSLY.
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